

MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

To: The Governing Board

FROM: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: April 20, 2006

SUBJECT: Ag

Agenda Item X: Consideration of a resolution accepting a grant from the County of Los Angeles to contribute to the research and analysis of funding for surface water quality improvements and amending the Contract with Community Conservancy International to reflect the grant.

<u>Staff Recommendation</u>: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution accepting a grant from the County of Los Angeles to contribute to the research and analysis of funding for surface water quality improvements and amending the grant with Community Conservancy International to reflect the grant..

<u>Background</u>: On February 23, 2006, the MRCA Governing Board approved a resolution authorizing entering into a contract with Community Conservancy International (CCI) for the purposes of providing technical advice and assistance to the MRCA in conducting a comprehensive feasibility evaluation of L.A. County water and environmental quality infrastructure funding.

In response to a Motion unanimously approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to provide recommendations on implementing a stable and long-term funding mechanism to finance the cost to construct, maintain and operate projects that address water quality and provide other benefits, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works has proposed joining MRCA's effort by granting financial support of approximately \$50,000. This resolution would approve acceptance of those funds if and when the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approves the grant to the MRCA. It would further authorize the MRCA to amend the contract with CCI to reflect the County's grant.